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LB**Middletown & New Jersey Railway Co., Inc.**

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June 10, 2008

Surface Transportation Board  
Attn: Kenneth Blodgett  
Case Control Unit  
Washington, DC 20423

Re: STB Docket No. AB 762 X, Middletown and New Jersey Railway, Inc. -  
Abandonment - Notice of Exemption in Orange County, New York.

Dear Mr. Blodgett,

Regarding the correspondence from your office (Service Date, May 23, 2008) in reference to the above mentioned 'Notice of Exemption', we offer the following comments to the two condition imposed on page 4:

1) We have attached an e-mail from Mr. Simon Monroe of the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) in response to our filing for this Notice of Exemption. We responded to his e-mail by alerting them of our intentions to transfer the property. The correspondence was dated 4/16/08. The M&NJ does not have any intention to do work at this location until well after 90 days from the date of this notice, or 7/16/08.

2) We have attached a letter from the *New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation*, dated April 25, 2008. They responded to the above referenced Application for Notice of Exemption. In the letter, they responded that the abandonment would have "no effect". Additionally, we clarified with Mr. Bill Cratanger, the New York State Officer for Historic Properties covering Orange County, who works in this office. He confirmed in our phone call on June 10<sup>th</sup> that the April 25<sup>th</sup> letter expressed the interest of the Historical Preservation Office.

We are in discussions with the Orange County Planning Office, the Towns of Minisink and Wawayanda, as well as the Village of Unionville regarding trail use for this ROW. Please let me know if there is any additional information needed by the STB to complete the abandonment of this property.

Please contact me if necessary on my cell phone at 908-339-2489.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Thomas Winant'.

Thomas Winant  
General Manager, Middletown and New Jersey Railway.



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April 25, 2008

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Commissioner

Thomas Winant  
Middletown & New Jersey Railway Co.  
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Re: STB  
Middletown & New Jersey Railway: line  
abandonment  
From MP 6.5 to MP 14  
MINISINK, UNIONVILLE, WAWAYANDA,  
Orange County  
03PR0192

Dear Mr. Winant:

Thank you for requesting the comments of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). We have reviewed the project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Based upon this review, it is the SHPO's opinion that your project will have No Effect upon cultural resources in or eligible for inclusion in the National Registers of Historic Places.

If further correspondence is required regarding this project, please be sure to refer to the OPRHP Project Review (PR) number noted above.

Sincerely,

Ruth L. Pierpont  
Director

**From:** tomwinant@aol.com

**To:** Simon.Monroe@noaa.gov

Cc: sea@stb.dot.gov; Dawn.James@acsm.net; Gilbert.Mitchell@noaa.gov

**Subject: Re: NGS Response, STB Docket AB- 762 X**

Date: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 5:59 pm

**Dear Simon,**

Whereas the abandonment of this line may result in the sale of the property in the near future. Please use this time to conduct any change or movement of the Geodetic Station Markers.

We do not expect that a sale will be consummated in 90 days, however, we will look to transfer the property as soon as possible.

Regards,

Tom Winant

**General Manager, M&NJ**

-----Original Message-----

From: Simon Monroe <Simon.Monroe@noaa.gov>

To: [Tomwinant@aol.com](mailto:Tomwinant@aol.com)

Cc: Surface Transportation Board <[sea@stb.dot.gov](mailto:sea@stb.dot.gov)>; National Society of Professional Surveyors <[Dawn.James@acsm.net](mailto:Dawn.James@acsm.net)>; Gilbert Mitchell <[Gilbert.Mitchell@noaa.gov](mailto:Gilbert.Mitchell@noaa.gov)>

Sent: Wed, 16 Apr 2008 4:19 pm

Subject: [Fwd: Re: [Fwd: RE: [Fwd: NGS Response, STB Docket AB- 762 X

> -----  
> Thank you for sharing your railroad abandonment environmental report for  
> Unionville, Orange County, NEW YORK.  
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> Approximately 05 geodetic survey marks may be located in the area > described.  
> If marks will be disturbed by the abandonment, [THE RAILROAD} shall > consult with the > National Geodetic Survey  
> (NGS), and notify NGS at least  
> 90 days prior to beginning salvage activities that will disturb, or > destroy any geodetic station marks. > These marks are  
> described on the attached file. Additional advice is  
> provided at <http://geodesy.noaa.gov/marks/railroads/>

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